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1. **The Promise.** *Retiree News* will contain information about benefits, National Guard events, and news about current, former, or retired members. There will be no chain e-mail, cute pictures, or sales pitches. Publication of *Retiree News* is on a random schedule – as topics come up and time permits. If you change your mind about receiving issues of *Retiree News*, send an e-mail to retireenews@Hawaiiintel.net and you will be off the *Retiree News* mailing list.

2. **Business.**

- **The New 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Commander.** **Colonel Keith Y. Tamashiro** assumed command of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (29th IBCT) on May 22, 2010. He will be in charge of HIARNG's largest unit, made up of about 2,500 Soldiers. Under his command will be two Infantry Battalions, a Cavalry Regiment, and a Field Artillery, Special Troops and Support Battalions. COL Tamashiro will be responsible for the training, logistics and overall readiness of the 29th IBCT.

Congratulations to COL Tamashiro on his new command!

Most of the information in this issue was taken from the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Change of Command ceremony program.

COLONEL KEITH Y. TAMASHIRO



COL Keith Y. Tamashiro received his commission through the ROTC program at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois on June 10, 1984. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Field Artillery.

COL Tamashiro served with the active Army from 1984 to 1988. His assignments included Company Fire Support Officer, Battery Fire Direction Officer, Battery Executive Officer, S1 and Battalion Fire Support Officer.

In December 1988, COL Tamashiro left active duty and joined the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. He served as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer, B Battery Commander, Plans Officer, Battalion Fire Support Officer, Battalion Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer.

On April 7, 2001, COL Tamashiro assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery. He served as the commander for over five years, the longest battalion commander in the history of the unit. He led the battalion as part of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004, managing his Soldiers spread out over three different locations in Iraq. In addition to his battalion commander duties, COL Tamashiro was the base camp commander for over 2100

personnel at the Kuwait Naval Base in Kuwait. He relinquished his command in July 2006 and became the Deputy Chief of Staff at the Joint Forces Headquarters.

On July 8, 2007, COL Tamashiro assumed command of the 298th Regional Training Institute, Multifunctional Training Unit where he was responsible for the Officer Candidate Program, noncommissioned officer education system (NCOES) and military occupational specialty qualification (MOSQ) courses. During his command, the 298th Regional Training Institute achieved the Army's highest accreditation rating, the Institute of Excellence, during the unit's last accreditation inspection. He relinquished command on May 2, 2010.

COL Tamashiro assumed command of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team on May 22, 2010.

COL Tamashiro has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from DePaul University and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. His military schools include Field Artillery Office Basic Course, Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Army War College, Airborne School and Air Assault School.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device and silver hour glass, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Reserved Components Overseas Training Ribbon.

COL Tamashiro is a Traditional Guard member. He works for the State of Hawaii's Department of Human Services First-To-Work Program where he manages a welfare program helping people gain employment and educational skills.

He was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois but has a long family history in Hawaii. He has resided in the state of Hawaii for the past 26 years. He is married to the former Iwalani (Iwie) Kaninau of Wahiawa, Hawaii and they currently reside in Mililani.

COL Tamashiro is active in the community where he serves as an elected member on the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board. He enjoys running, reading and being involved in community activities.

The History of the Brigade.

The 29th Infantry Brigade was organized in the Hawai'i Army National Guard in January 1959. The original elements of the brigade consisted of the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and the 1st and 2d Battle Groups, 299th Infantry. These units of the new brigade were formed primarily from the 299th Regimental Combat Team, the 298th Anti Aircraft Artillery (AAA) and the 120th Signal Support Company.

In April 1963, the brigade reorganized with the conversion of the battle groups into three separate infantry battalions under brigade control in compliance with the Army's latest organizational concept.

The brigade reorganized again in November 1965. One infantry battalion provided the nucleus for a support battalion. The 227th Engineer Battalion reorganized into the 277th Engineer

Company, and the 1st Battalion 487th Field Artillery. In December 1967, Troop E, 19th Cavalry was added to the brigade base.

On May 13, 1968, the 29th Brigade was one of only two National Guard brigades called to active duty for the Vietnam War. The 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry (United States Army Reserve), 227th Military Intelligence Detachment from Arizona and the 40th Aviation Company from California joined the brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Twenty nine Soldiers gave their lives in the service of their country while on active duty during the mobilization.

In October 1972, the 29th Brigade was designated a round-out brigade to the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks. The brigade served as the round-out brigade until September 30, 1986.

In October 1986, the brigade was reorganized and designated as the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate). The brigade served as the round-out brigade to I (US) Corps.

In 1993, the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) was designated as one of the fifteen Enhanced Army National Guard Brigades. The brigade became the only multi-state and multi-component enhanced brigade.

In September 1995, the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry, California Army National Guard; and Battery E, 1st Battalion, 216th Air Defense Artillery, Minnesota Army National Guard were added to the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) replacing the deactivated 1st Battalion, 299th Infantry and Troop E, 19th Cavalry.

The 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry was called to duty in early 2001 to secure Patriot Missile sights in Kuwait in support of the War on Terrorism. This assignment was planned prior to the attacks of September 11, but executed post September 11.

On August 16, 2004, the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) was called to active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The brigade initially mobilized at Schofield Barracks and Fort Bliss, Texas. The 29th Brigade Combat Team formed at Fort Bliss on October 2, 2004 and prepared for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The brigade conducted its validation at Fort Polk, Louisiana in January 2005 and deployed to theater by January 28, 2005. The brigade conducted a transfer of authority with the 81st Brigade Combat Team on March 3, 2005 and assumed the Security Forces Mission in theater. Units of the 29th Brigade Combat Team served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq. Eighteen Soldiers gave their lives in service to their country during this mobilization.

On September 1, 2006, the 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) again reorganized. This time as part of the U.S. Army's restructure to modular brigade-size units. These new units increased the Army's capabilities to deploy and respond to global threats. The brigade was one of 12 Army National Guard brigades selected for this transformation. The 29th Infantry Brigade (Separate) was now designated the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The 29th IBCT units included: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry (Arizona Army National Guard), 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry (United States Army Reserve); 1st Squadron, 299th Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (RSTA), 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery, 29th Brigade Support Battalion, and the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

On January 16, 2006, the 1st Battalion, 158th Infantry mobilized and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Two Soldiers gave their lives in service to their country during this mobilization.

In April 2007, the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team was tasked with providing a platoon to support Operations Enduring Freedom – Philippines for a six month deployment. In November 2007, a platoon deployed to the Philippines with another platoon deploying in November 2008. A third platoon deployed in August 2009. Currently there is a fourth rotation with a platoon from the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry (Guam Army National Guard).

On August 18, 2008, the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team was called again to active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The brigade mobilized at Fort Hood, Texas to prepare for its deployment. The brigade conducted its validation at Fort Hood in early October and deployed on October 31, 2008. The brigade headquarters assumed operational control of the Convoy Security Escort Mission into Iraq assigning missions to the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry, and the 1st Battalion, 299th Cavalry. The 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery was responsible for Camp Command Cell and Security for Camp Patriot, Kuwait Naval Base and Security for the Sea Port of Debarkation, Kuwait. The 29th Brigade Support Battalion performed command duties for Camp Ali Al Salem life support area, Kuwait. The 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion performed command duties for Camp Virginia, Kuwait. Three Soldiers gave their lives in service to their country during this mobilization.

On October 1, 2009, the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team reorganized with the 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry replacing the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry.

Past Brigade Commanders.

COL Keith Y. Tamashiro joins the following officers who served as the brigade commander of the past 50 years.

BG Frederick A. Schaefer III	January 1959 – February 1960
BG Michael R. Roman	February 1960 – October 1963
BG Francis Takemoto	October 1963 – February 1968
BG Frederick A. Schaefer III	May 1968 – January 1969
COL Clyde W. Woods, Jr.	January 1969 – February 1969
BG James K. Terry	February 1969 – August 1969
COL Howard H. Lee	August 1969 – October 1969
BG Frederick A. Schaefer III	October 1969 – December 1969
BG Edward M. Yoshimasu	December 1969 – March 1976
COL John E. Aiona, Jr.	January 1976 – September 1977
COL Ellsworth M. Bush	September 1977 – November 1979
COL Louis W. Perry, Jr.	November 1979 – August 1982
COL Louis N.H.M. Miranda, Jr.	August 1982 – August 1983
COL Donald M. Oura	September 1983 – January 1988
BG John D. D'Araujo	February 1988 – October 1990
BG Bernard W. Watson	October 1990 – August 1994
BG Edward L. Correa	August 1994 – November 1996
BG Dennis A. Kamimura	November 1996 – January 2000
BG Glen I. Sakagawa	January 2000 – May 2003
BG Joseph J. Chaves	June 2003 – June 2007
COL Bruce E. Oliveira	January 2007 – May 2010